

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

**PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH  
AND MANUFACTURERS OF  
AMERICA**

V.

**LYNN FITCH**  
*in her official capacity as Attorney  
General of Mississippi*

**PLAINTIFF**

**Civil No. 1:24-cv-160-HSO-BWR**

**DEFENDANT**

**ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION [27] TO STAY PROCEEDINGS AND  
ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSING CASE**

Before the Court is the Joint Motion [27] of Plaintiff Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (“Plaintiff”) and Defendant Lynn Fitch, in her official capacity as Attorney General of Mississippi (“Defendant”), to stay proceedings in this Court—including discovery—while Plaintiff’s appeal of this Court’s Memorandum Opinion and Order [21] Denying Motion [7] for Preliminary Injunction is pending. Good cause having been shown, it is hereby **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that, the Joint Motion [27] is **GRANTED**, and proceedings in this Court are **STAYED** pending final resolution of the appeal in *Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America v. Fitch*, No. 24-60340 (5th Cir., filed July 5, 2024), including any U.S. Supreme Court proceedings regarding this Court’s Order [21].

Should the Fifth Circuit or the Supreme Court of the United States reverse, vacate, or otherwise alter any portion of this Court's Order [21], this stay will

automatically and immediately dissolve upon issuance of the Fifth Circuit's appellate mandate. Otherwise, the stay shall lift upon further order of this Court following a request by either party.

**IT IS, FURTHER, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that, in light of the length of time that these proceedings may be stayed with no activity, this case should be **ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSED** pending resolution of this appeal. Nothing contained in this Order shall be considered a dismissal or disposition of this matter, and the Court retains jurisdiction over the cause of action to allow either party to file a motion to reopen the case for further proceedings.

**SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED**, this the 4th day of September, 2024.

*s/ Halil Suleyman Ozerdem*  
HALIL SULEYMAN OZERDEN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE